--- 25 Cigarettes - Series “C” - two digit codes - “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton - 1-18E ---

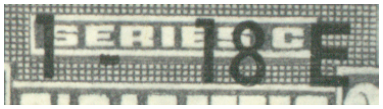
These series, with two-digit numbers, have varying orientations, designed for packaging purposes. Basically the difference between the series is found in the use of a 3 mm. code **1-18E** with a ***figure eight*** flourish; the same code without the flourish; and a 3 mm. Gothic code **1-18E** and eventually **18E-1** - which ultimately reads *vertically down*.

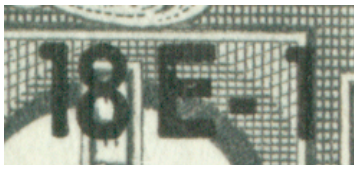
The initial cancellations of the pair have the twin 5 mm. Gothic numbers *reading vertically down*, with the company code **1-18E** in pica typewritten mimeographed 3 mm. characters, arranged horizontally across the bottom.

“Tuckett Tobacco” used two different type faces for printing their *company code*. The first set (1955-62) of cancellation codes run with 3 mm. figures where the figure eight has a top flourish (which this computer keyboard cannot not reproduce - see below).

The second set of 3 mm. cancellation codes (1962-67) used the non-flourish code **1-18E**

While the final set beginning with **1-18E** and eventually using the reverse code **18E-1**, also exhibits a plain figure eight without the flourish. Due to the difference in the type face, I speculate that the cigarettes using this final version were produced under contract by “Imperial Tobacco”, Guelph, Ontario.





--- “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton [1-18E] - scanned at 100% scale ---

a ‘flip-top’ box

a ‘slide’ box

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two horizontal digits in BLACK ink - 1956-62 ---

Following the *three digit* number series (for which I have seen no “Tuckett cancelled” examples on the *twenty-five cigarette* stamp) are a pair of two-digit number sequences using the imperforate Series “C” *twenty-five* cigarette stamp. I feel that the varied orientations in the two sequences were packaging variations for use on “slide” and “flip-top” boxes.

★**RC-394** - 25 cigarettes, black, imperf, coded **1-18E / 27** by “Tuckett Tobacco” in September 1957

--- black - with a *serifed* company code, reading vertically up on the right side - 5 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1957	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**27**	--	--	--
1958	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**54**
1960	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	**73**	--	**75**	--	--	--
1962	**79**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

All of these “Tuckett Tobacco” and “Imperial Tobacco” cancellation codes omit the use of **13**.

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two horizontal digits in BLACK ink - 1962-67 ---

★**RC-394** - 25 cigarettes, grey, imperf, coded **1-18E / 92** by “Tuckett Tobacco” in February 1963

--- grey - with a *non-serifed* company code, reading vertically up at the right side - 5 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962	--	**80**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1963	--	**92**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1964	--	--	--	**18**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1965	--	--	--	--	--	--	**33**	--	--	--	--	--
1966	--	**40**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1967	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two horizontal digits in BLACK ink - 1962-67 ---

This is likely a 90 degree orientation change in the coding to facilitate a different package, and runs concurrently with the preceding cancellation.

★**RC-394** - 25 cigarettes, grey, imperf, coded **1-18E / 57** by “Tuckett Tobacco” in February 1963

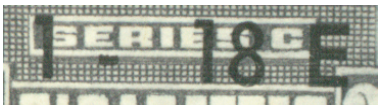
--- grey - with a *non-serifed* company code - reading *horizontally across* at the bottom - 3 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962	--	**80**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1963	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1964	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1965	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1966	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1967	--	--	--	--	--	--	**57**	--	**59**	--	--	--

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two digits in BLACK ink - 1963 ---

--- in black ink with the 1 - 18 E code reading *horizontally across* at the bottom ---

“Tuckett Tobacco” ceased operations at Hamilton in 1967 prior to the introduction of the “Wings” Series. The parent company “Imperial Tobacco” in 1958 opened a modern *Peter Jackson* cigarette plant in nearby Guelph, Ontario [**1-17E**], and the Tuckett operation in Hamilton was gradually phased-out. Due to the difference in the type face, I speculate that the cigarettes using this final version were produced under contract by “Imperial Tobacco”, Guelph, Ontario.



The company code change from a 3 mm. forward [**1-18E**] to a 2½ mm. reversed [**18E-1**] takes place at **23** in mid-1965. On *the red ink* coded copies a 2½ mm. forward reading code [**1-18 E**] can be found on **12**. To date the collection ***does not contain*** a copy coded in black ink.

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two digits in BLACK ink - 1964-67 ---

★**RC-394** - 25 cigarettes, grey, imperf, coded **18E-1 / 27** by “Tuckett Tobacco” in January 1965

--- with company code *reversed* - 18E-1 - oriented to read *vertically down* at the right side - 13 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1964	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1965	**27**	--	--	--	**31**	**32**	--	--	**35**	**36**	**37**	--
1966	--	--	--	--	**43**	**44**	--	--	--	**48**	**49**	--
1967	**51**	**52**	**53**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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